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New *Makicula* Novák, 2012 species (Tenebrionidae: Alleculinae: Alleculini: Alleculina) from Laos

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Abstract. – A new species of the genus *Makicula* Novák, 2012 (Alleculina Laporte, 1840) is described as *Makicula flava* **sp**. **nov**. from Laos (Louang Namtha and Louang Phrabang Provinces).

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Introduction

The genus *Makicula* Novák, 2012 with the type species *Makicula phoupaneica* Novák, 2012 was established by Novák (2012). Presently we know 22 species of this genus, two of them are living in the Palaearctic Region, other species live in the Oriental Region (Novák 2012, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2025, 2026). Malaysian species *Spinecula cechovskyi* Novák, 2019 was transferred to the genus *Makicula* by Novák (2024) as *Makicula cechovskyi* (Novák, 2019).
New species *Makicula flava* **sp**. **nov**. from Laos (Louang Namtha and Louang Phrabang Provinces) is described and illustrated including male genitalia. Presently we know two species from China, eight species from Laos, three species from Malaysia, one species from Myanmar, five from Thailand and three from Vietnam. One new species from Laos is described and illustrated including male genitalia. New distribution for the species *Makicula bobikae* Novák, 2012 (Vietnam) known from Laos and list of the species are added.

Material and Methods

Two important morphometric characteristics used for the descriptions of species of the subfamily Alleculinae, the 'ocular index' dorsally (Campbell & Marshall 1964) and 'pronotal index' (Campbell 1965), are used in this paper as well. The ocular index equals (100 × minimum dorsal distance between eyes) / (maximum width of head across eyes). The pronotal index is calculated as (100 × length of pronotum along midline) / (width across basal angles of pronotum).
'Type material' information is taken from recent locality labels. In the list of type material, a slash (/) separates data in separate rows, a double slash separates data (//) on different labels.
The following collection code is used:
NMPC collection of National Museum, Praha, Czech Republic;
VNPC private collection of Vladimír Novák, Praha, Czech Republic.
Measurements of body parts and corresponding abbreviations used in text are as follows:
AL - total antennae length,
BL - maximum body length,
EL - maximum elytral length,
EW - maximum elytral width,
HL - maximum length of head (visible part),
HW - maximum width of head,
OI - ocular index dorsally,
PI - pronotal index dorsally,
PL - maximum pronotal length,
PW - pronotal width at base,
RLA - ratios of relative lengths of antennomeres 1-11 from base to apex (3=1.00),
RL/WA - ratios of length / maximum width of antennomeres 1-11 from base to apex,
RLT - ratios of relative lengths of tarsomeres 1-5 respectively 1-4 from base to apex (1=1.00).
Measurements were made with an Olympus SZ 40 stereoscopic microscope with continuous magnification and with the Soft Imaging System AnalySIS. Snapshots were taken by using camera Canon EOS 550 D and Canon Macro Photo Lens MP-E and software Helicon Focus 8.3.11.

Taxonomy

Genus ***Makicula*** Novák, 2012

Type species: *Makicula phoupaneica* Novák, 2012.

***Makicula flava* sp. nov.**

(Fig. 1-5)

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Holotype, ♂, LAOS, Louang Namtha pr. / 21°09´N/101°19´E, / Namtha → Muang Sing, / 5-31. v. 1997, 900-1200 m, / Vít Kubáň leg., (VNPC).

Paratypes

1 ♀, LAOS, Louang Phrabang Prov. / 19°34´N/102°13´E, / Ban Kiukachan env., / 1400 - 1450 m, 19.vi.2009, / M. Geiser & D. Hauck leg. // NHMB Basel, NMPC Prague / **Laos 2009** Expedition: M. Brancucci, M. Geiser / D. Kraus, D, Hauck, V. Kubáň, (NMPC).

The types are provided with a printed red label: 'Makicula / flava sp. nov. / HOLOTYPUS or PARATYPUS / V. Novák det. 2026'.

Type locality. – Laos, Louang Namtha Province, from Namtha to Muang Sing, 900-1200 m.

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Description of the holotype

Habitus. – As in Fig. 1, large-sized, narrow, elongate, *Leptura*-shaped, matte, from ochre yellow to brown, dorsal surface with pale setae and punctures, BL 12.22 mm. Widest in basal half of elytral length; BL/EW 3.43.

Head (Fig. 2). – Wider than long, through the eyes narrower than anterior margin or base of pronotum. Dorsal surface semi-matte with dense, coarse punctures and long, pale setae. Posterior part brown, anterior part and clypeus pale reddish brown. – *Clypeus* transverse, half heart-shaped, surface with long, pale setae and small, shallow punctures, apex distinctly excised in middle of apex. Mandibles large, pale reddish brown, glabrous, shiny. HW 1.74 mm; HW/PW 0.75; HL (visible part) 1.59 mm. – *Eyes* large, transverse, excised, space between eyes distinctly narrower than diameter of one eye, approximately as wide as length of antennomere 1; OI equal to 25.65. – *Antenna* long, ochre yellow (AL 10.55 mm, distinctly exceeding three quarters body length - AL/BL 0.86). – *Antennomeres* narrow, matte, dorsal surface with pale setae, microgranulation and small, shallow punctures. Antennomere 2 shortest, antennomeres 4-11 longer than antennomere 3.
RLA(1-11): 0.58 : 0.27 : 1.00 : 1.53 : 1.49 : 1.56 : 1.59 : 1.58 : 1.54 : 1.44 : 1.45.
RL/WA(1-11): 1.89 : 1.38 : 4.04 : 5.97 : 8.70 : 8.27 : 7.75 : 7.40 : 8.18 : 6.72 : 9.44.
Maxillary palpus. – Ochre yellow, shiny, with long pale setae, small punctures and microgranulation. Palpomeres 2 and 3 distinctly narrowest at base and widest at apex, ultimate palpomere widely triangular.

Pronotum (Fig. 2). – Reddish brown, matte, convex, widest in basal half, distinctly narrower than elytra at humeri, arcuate in apical part. Dorsal surface with long, pale setae and small punctures, microgranulation not clearly distinct. Interspaces between punctures distinctly wider than diameter of punctures. PL 2.10 mm; PW 2.32 mm; PI equal to 90.52. Border lines narrow, margins conspicuous from dorsal view. Base bisinuate, anterior margin slightly arcuate, anterior and posterior angles distinct, obtuse.

Elytra. – Ochre yellow, narrow, elongate, slightly convex, matte, widest in basal half of elytra length, narrowing apically. Dorsal surface with pale setae. EL 8.53 mm; EW 3.56 mm; EL/EW 2.40. Elytral striae with rows of small, course punctures, elytral intervals finely convex, with sparse, very small punctures.

Scutellum. – Reddish brown, semi-elliptical, distinctly elevated up the level and darker than elytra, semi-matte, with distinct longitudinal furrow in middle, microgranulation and a few small, shallow punctures.

Elytral epipleura. – Well-developed, ochre yellow, with long, pale setae and coarse punctures, narrowing to ventrite 1, then leads parallel on apical part.

Legs. – Long and narrow, pale reddish brown. – *Dorsal surface* with pale setae, dense punctures and fine microgranulation. – *Protibiae* (Fig. 3) widened before apex, with a spine in the middle of the inner side. – *Mesotibiae* with small angle before middle of inner side. – *Pro- and mesotarsomeres* 3 and 4 and penultimate metatarsomere widened and lobed. RLT: 1.00 : 0.60 : 0.69 : 1.04 : 1.65 (protarsus); 1.00 : 0.48 : 0.50 : 0.71 : 1.27 (mesotarsus); 1.00 : 0.42 : 0.50 : 0.86 (metatarsus). – *Protarsal claws* with more than 30 teeth.

Ventral side of body. – Reddish brown with punctures and pale setae. Abdomen brown (ventrites 1-3) and pale brown (ultimate and penultimate ventrites). Dorsal surface semi-matte with pale setae, very small punctures and fine microgranulation.

Aedeagus (Fig. 4, 5). – Ochre yellow. Basal piece slightly rounded laterally. Apical piece beak-shaped from dorsal and lateral views. Ratio of length of apical piece to length of basal piece in dorsal view 1: 4.45.

Female has body slightly wider than male, elytra widest near middle. Pro- and mesotibiae are normally shaped. Protarsal claws have only 13 and 14 visible teeth.

Measurements of female body

BL 12.87 mm;
HL 1.72 mm;
HW 1.90 mm;
OI 30.85;
PL 2.16 mm;
PW 2.45 mm;
PI 88.16;
EL 8.99 mm;
EW 4.01 mm;
AL 9.65 mm;
AL/BL 0.75;
HW/PW 0.78;
BL/EW 3.21;
EL/EW 2.24.
RLA(1-11): 0.53 : 0.18 : 1.00 : 1.39 : 1.48 : 1.44 : 1.44 : 1.45 : 1.48 : 1.39 : 1.45.
RL/WA(1-11): 1.62 : 0.83 : 4.71 : 7.48 : 7.95 : 7.76 : 8.15 : 8.63 : 8.79 : 8.72 : 9.65.
RLT: 1.00 : 0.67 : 1.11 : 1.11 : 2.13 (protarsus); 1.00 : 0.49 : 0.51 : 0.89 (metatarsus).

Differential diagnosis. – No similar species with ochre yellow elytra in the genus *Makicula* Novák, 2012 is known yet.

Etymology. – Named after its colour of elytra, from Latin *flava* (yellow).

Distribution. – Laos (Louang Namtha and Louang Phrabang Provinces).

New distribution

Makicula bobikae Novák, 2012

Type locality. – Laos, Bolikhamsai prov., Ban Nape, 18°21 N; 105°08 E.

Type material. – Paratype ♂: LAOS centr., Bolikhamsai prov., / BAN NAPE - Kaew Nua Pass, / 18.4.-1.5.1999, alt. 600 + - 100 m, / N 18°22.3, E 105°09.1 (GPS), / E. Jendek & O. Šauša leg., (VNPC).

Material examined. – **2** ♂: C-VIETNAM Quang Binh / Pr., Le Thuy, Lam Thuy / 4.2023, loc. coll. 1000m // coll. A. Skale / Gera, Deutschland, (ASGG, VNPC).

Remark. – Novák (2012: 280) described the species *Makicula bobikae* Novák, 2012 from Central Laos (Bolikhamsai Province). All the main morphological characters of the examined males from central Vietnam are the same as the species *Makicula bobikae* Novák, 2012 (see Novák 2012: 281: figs. 18-24).

Distribution. – Laos (Bolikhamsai Province), new for Vietnam.

List of the *Makicula* species

- *andreasi* Novák, 2012: 277 – China, Yunnan Province
- *angusta* Novák, 2025: 76 – Vietnam, Lam Dong Province
- *bobikae* Novák, 2012: 280 – Laos, Bolikhamsai Province, Central Vietnam, Quang Binh Province
- *cechovskyi* Novák, 2019: 444 (*Spinecula*) – Malaysia, Kelantan, Pahang
- *danangica* Novák, 2021: 58 – Vietnam, Da Nang Province
- *dorae* Novák, 2012: 282 – Laos, Bolikhamsai Province
- *evansi* Novák, 2026: 131 – Laos, Attapeu Province
- *flava* **sp**. **nov**. – Laos, Louang Namtha and Louang Phrabang Provinces
- *gialaiica* Novák, 2022: 52 – Vietnam, Gia Lai Province
- *huahinica* Novák, 2022: 54 – Thailand
- *imprerator* Novák, 2021: 60 – Thailand, Chonburi Province
- *kadinka* Novák, 2021: 63 – Thailand, Chiang Mai Province
- *lawaica* Novák, 2022: 57 – Malaysia, Kelantan
- *mengi* Novák, 2012: 285 – China, Yunnan Province
- *miranda* Novák, 2022: 59 – Laos, Phongsaly Province
- *monica* Novák, 2021: 66 – Myanmar, Mon State
- *phoupaneica* Novák, 2012: 287 – Laos, Houa Phanh Province
- *phuwiangica* Novák, 2021: 68 – Thailand, Khon Kaen Province
- *planti* Novák, 2026: 134 – Laos, Houa Phanh Province
- *speciosa* Novák, 2021: 71 – Laos, Vientiane
- *terrifica* 2022: 62 – Malaysia, Pahang
- *wiangica* Novák, 2022: 64 – Thailand, Chiang Rai Province

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Fig. **1-5**. *Makicula flava* **sp**. **nov**. (male holotype).

1. Habitus. **2**. Head and pronotum. **3**. Protibia. **4**. Aedeagus, dorsal view. **5**. Aedeagus, lateral view.

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